



COMMUNITY HEALTH MAPPING IN A WORLD AWASH WITH GEOGRAPHIC DATA & TOOLS

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Today's Itinerary

- The Value Proposition
- The Spatial Sciences
- Connecting Health & Place
- Role of Geographic Data
- Role of Geospatial Tools
- ~~○ Community Mapping Applications~~
- Some Enduring Challenges
- Conclusions



The Value Proposition

- A single database supports multiple maps
- The visual trumps both text & numbers
- Future is 4D (latitude, longitude, height & time)



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Spatial Sciences Institute

- Established 1st July, 2010
- Rapid growth
- People
 - 15 core faculty
 - 21 faculty affiliates
 - 7 staff
- Facilities
 - Faculty & staff offices
 - Dedicated classrooms & laboratories
 - Large computing infrastructure
- Substantial research enterprise
- Full suite of academic programs





SSI's unique and competitive academic position: Interdisciplinary courses and degrees at every level

- Large General Education courses
- Minor in Spatial Studies
- Minor in Human Security & Geospatial Intelligence
- **B.S. in GeoDesign**
- GC in GIScience & Technology (online)
- GC in Geospatial Intelligence (online)
- GC in Geospatial Leadership (online)
- **M.S. in GIScience & Technology**
- **M.S. in Spatial Informatics**
- GeoHealth track in MPH degree (online)
- **Ph.D. in Population, Health & Place**





MPH | GeoHealth

- Keck School of Medicine of USC
- Online degree
- Six core courses
- Four concentrations
 - Biostatistics & Epidemiology
 - Health Education & Promotion
 - Global Health Leadership
 - GeoHealth
- **GeoHealth Concentration**
 - **Concepts for Spatial Thinking**
 - **Spatial Analysis**
 - **Spatial Modeling**
 - **Remote Sensing for GIS**
 - **Cartography & Visualization**
- Practicum

Population, Health & Place

- Geography of Life and Death
- PHP Research Practicum
- **Population**
 - Quantitative Methods and Statistics II
 - Social Demography
 - Demographic Methods
- **Health**
 - Principles of Biostatistics
 - Principles of Epidemiology
 - Environmental Health: An Epidemiological Approach
- **Place**
 - Principles of Spatial Data Analysis
 - Spatial Modeling with GIS
 - Spatial Computing
- Electives
- Dissertation



Health & Place

○ Disease surveillance

- Exploratory disease mapping to generate hypotheses for subsequent etiological studies
- Disease modeling to inform policy related to public health initiatives

○ Risk analysis

- Impact of environmental exposures on health outcomes
- Point- or line-source studies

○ Health access & planning

- Network analysis & market segmentation studies

○ Community health profiling

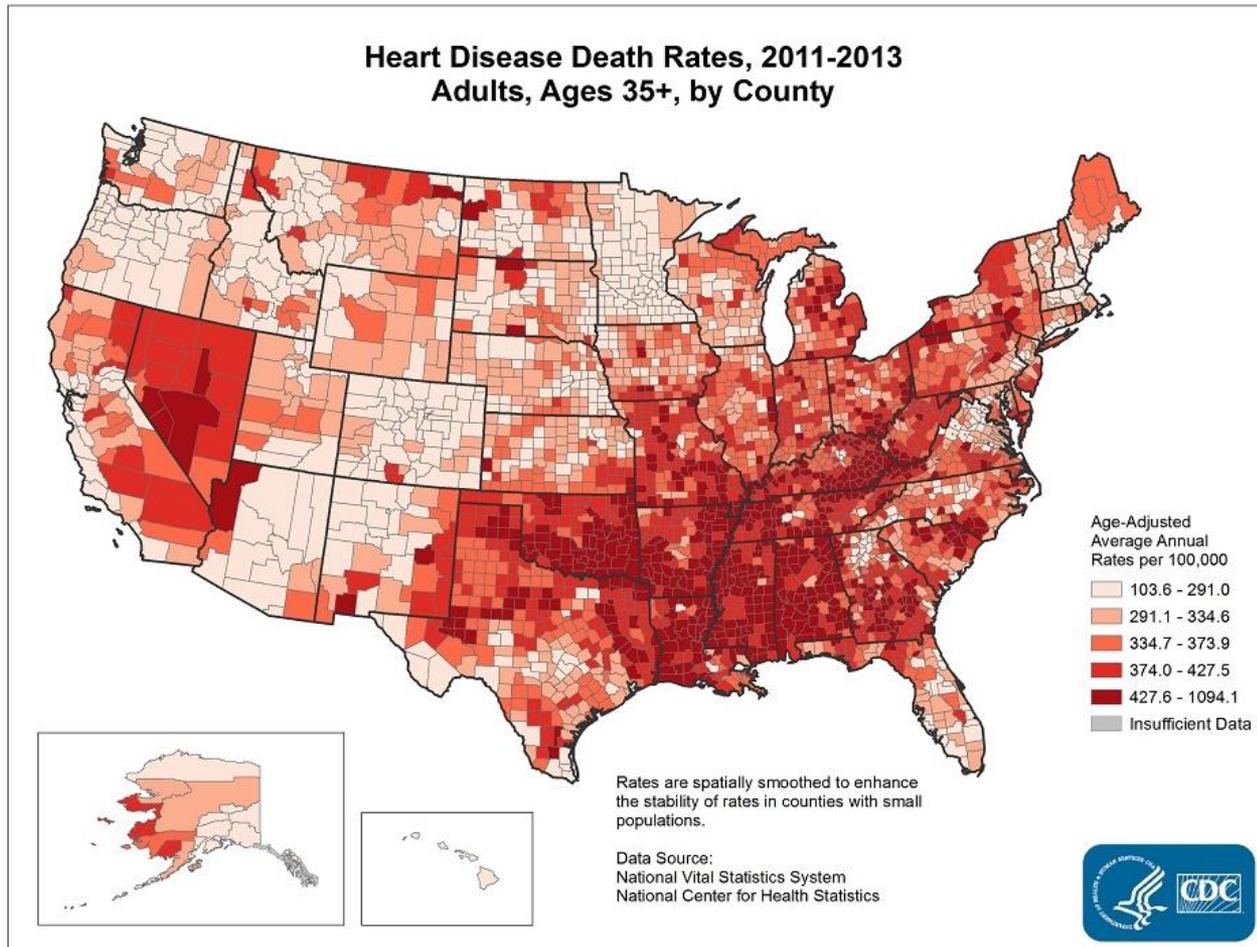
- Compilation of community infrastructure & other data which influence health (SES, health-related policies & behaviors)



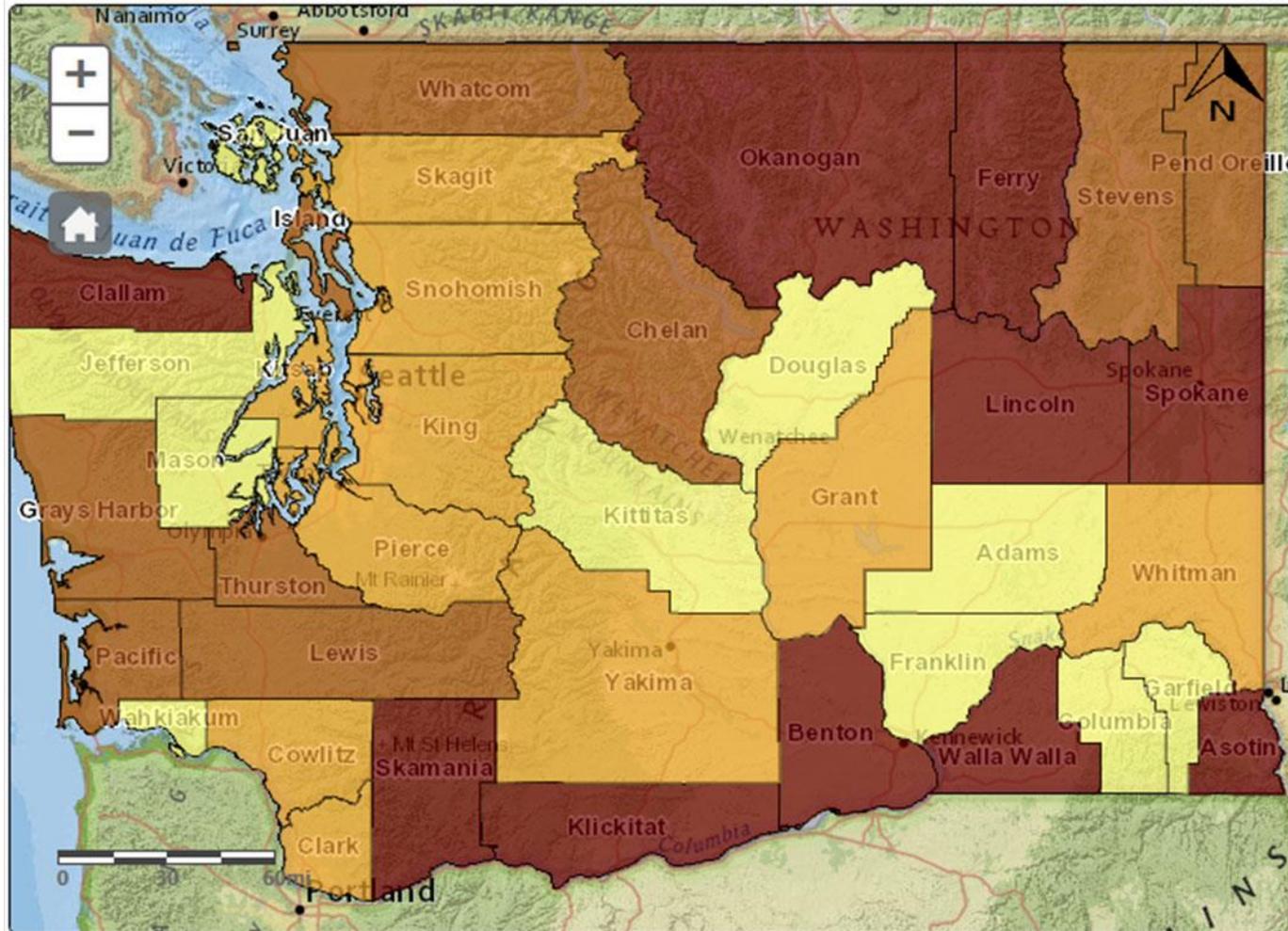
(Source: Nykiforuk & Flaman, 2011)



Disease Surveillance

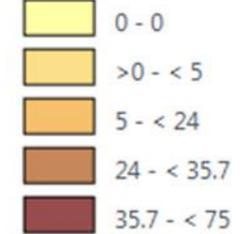


Risk Analysis



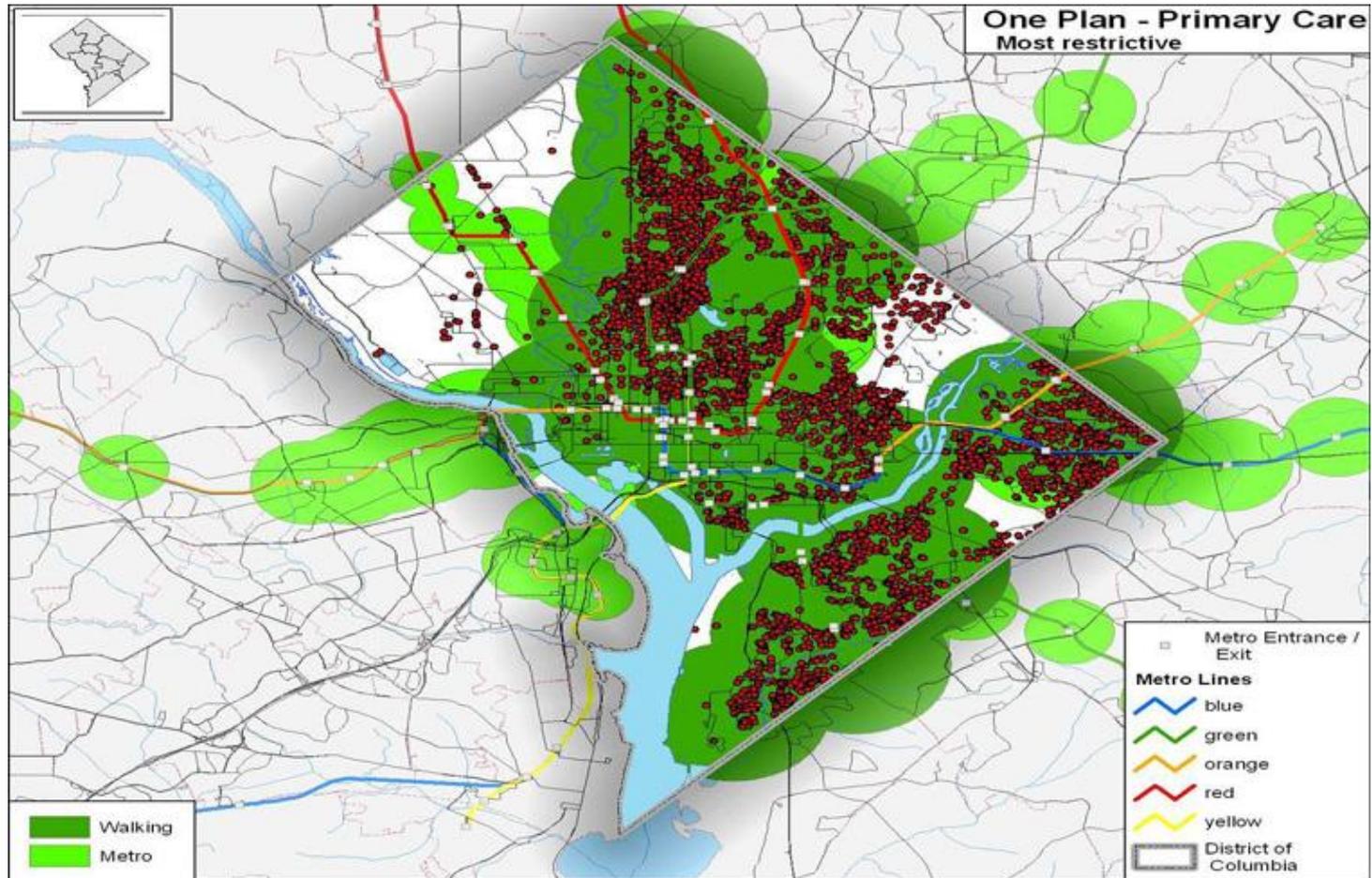
Legend (Measure 1)

% Tests 4+ pCi/L



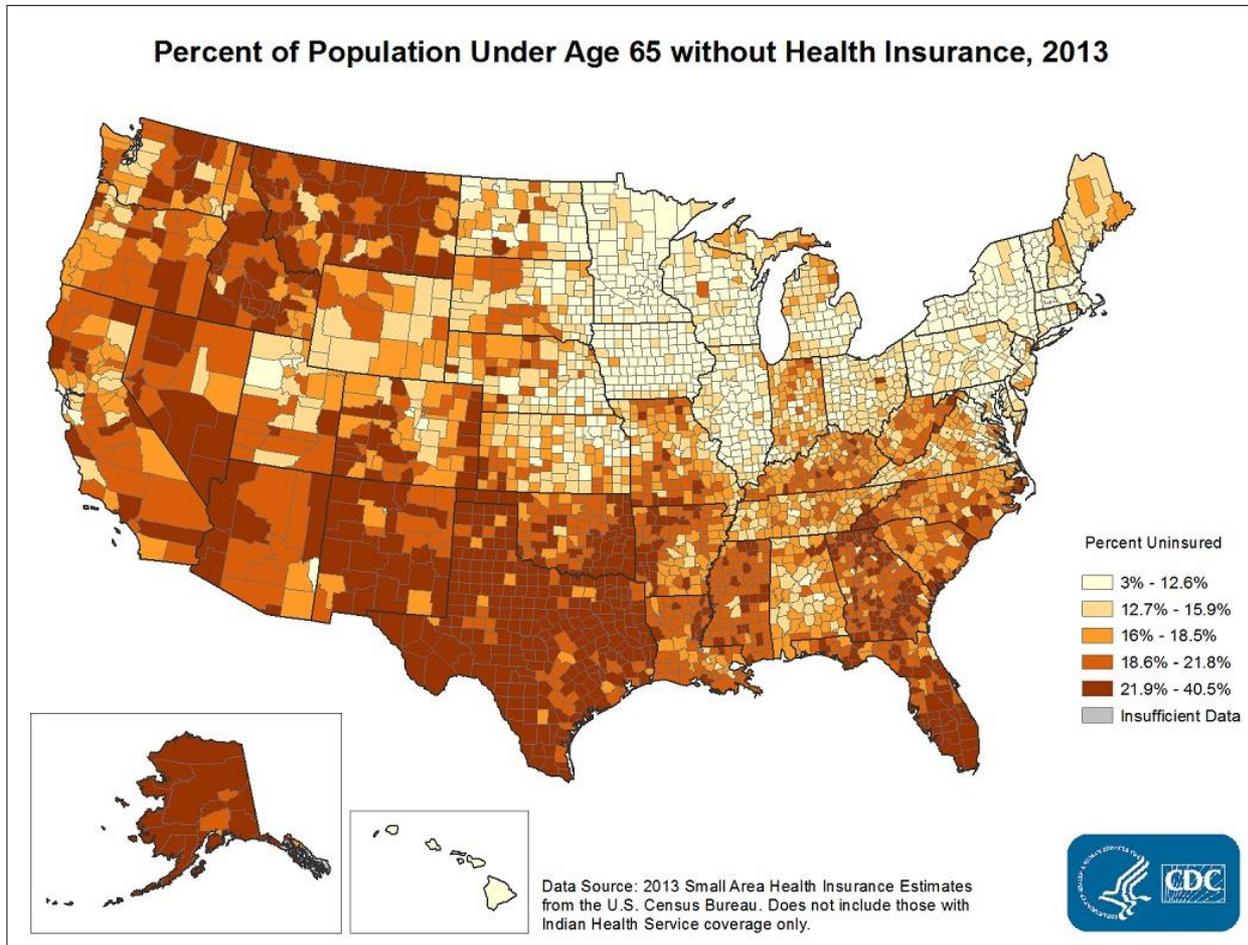
Washington Radon Exposure Risk Map
Source: CDC

Health Access & Planning



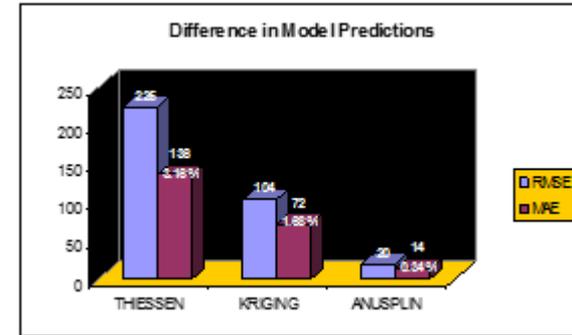
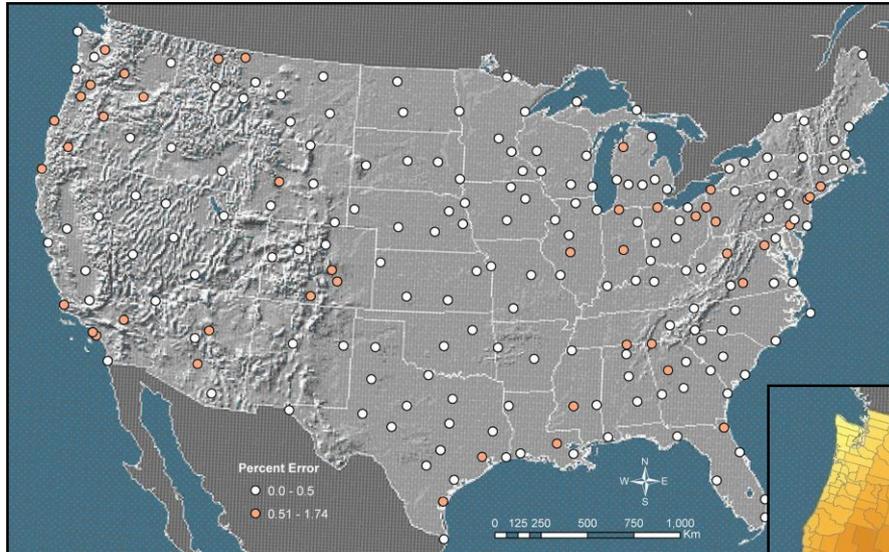
Source: Abt Associates

Community Health Profiling

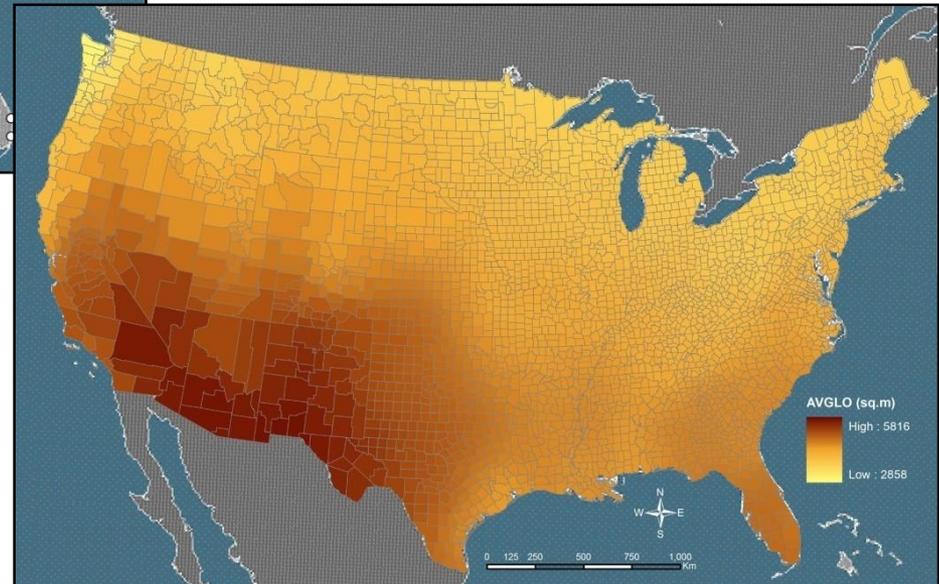




Atmosphere



PM 2.5
Precipitation
Temperature
UV Radiation



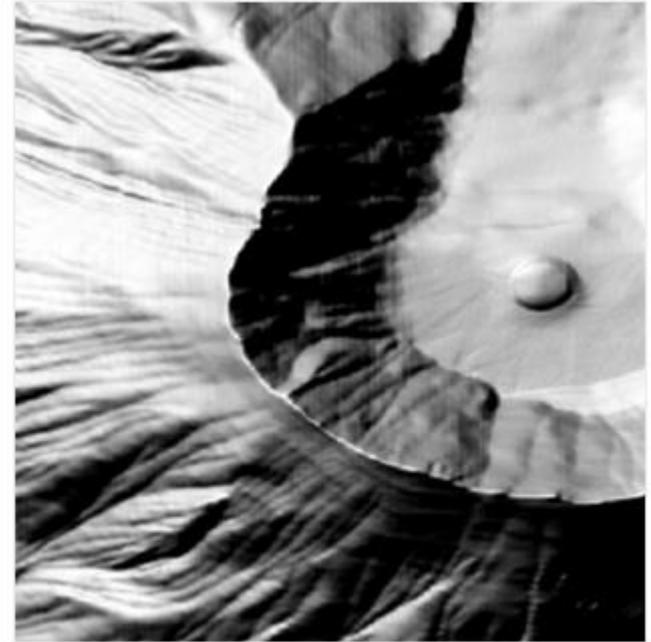


Elevation

NED
National
Elevation
Dataset



1 arc-second



1/3 arc-second

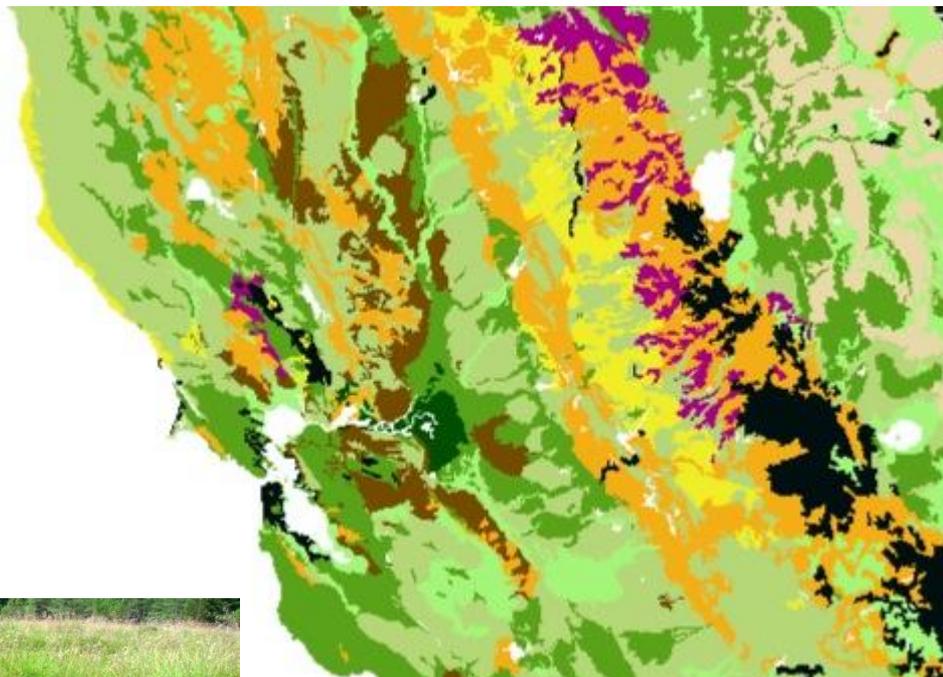
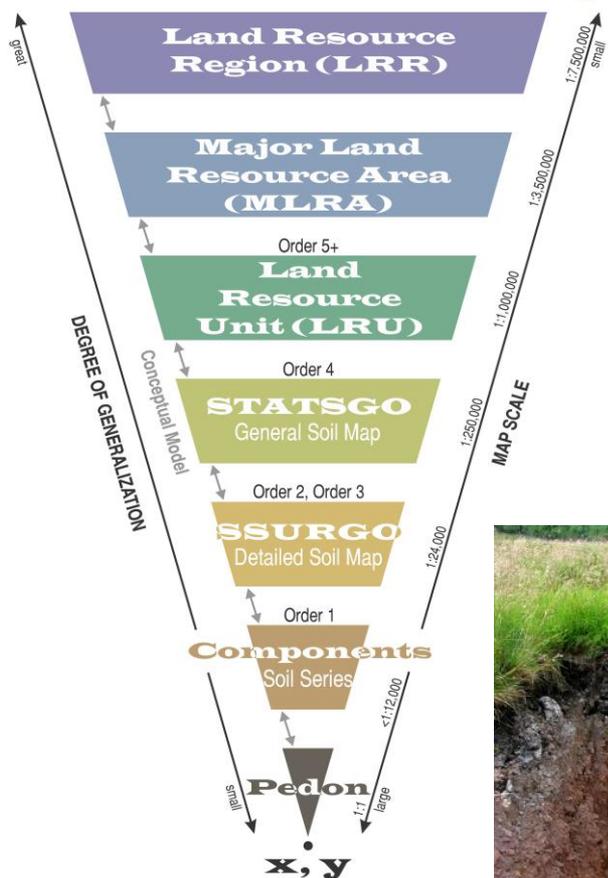
LiDAR SRTM ASTER

Maps courtesy of Dean Gesch

Digital Soil Geographic Databases



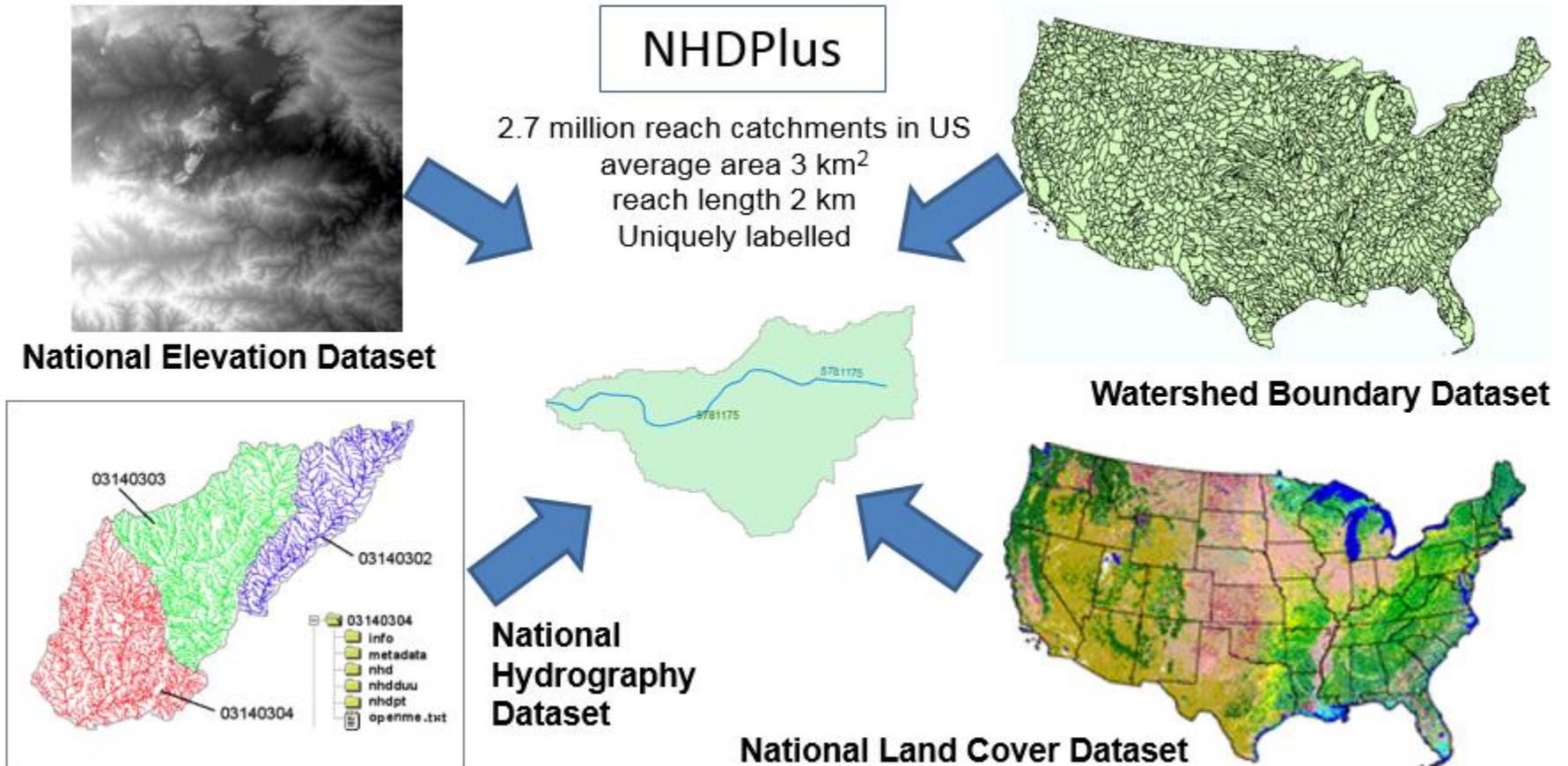
LRR-MLRA-LRU Land Resource Hierarchy



NHDPlus Version 2.1



Foundation for a Geospatial Hydrologic Framework for the United States

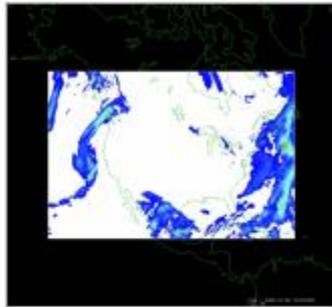


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WRF-Hydro Forecasting Model

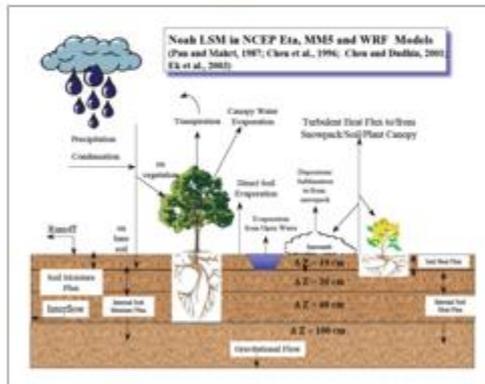
Weather model and forecasts (HRRR)



Weather



Precipitation



Land-Atmosphere Model (NOAH-MP)

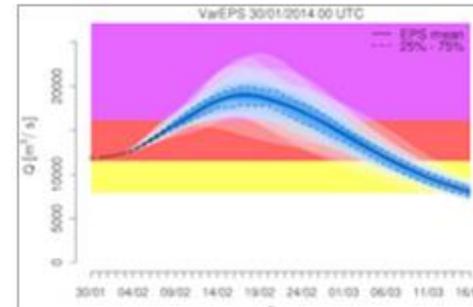
Catchment-level forecasts



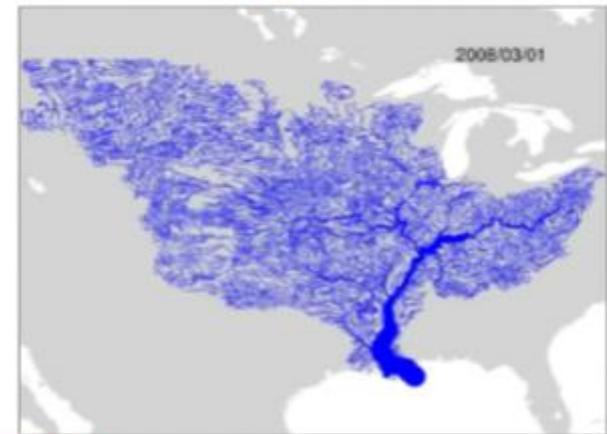
Runoff



Probabilistic flood forecasts



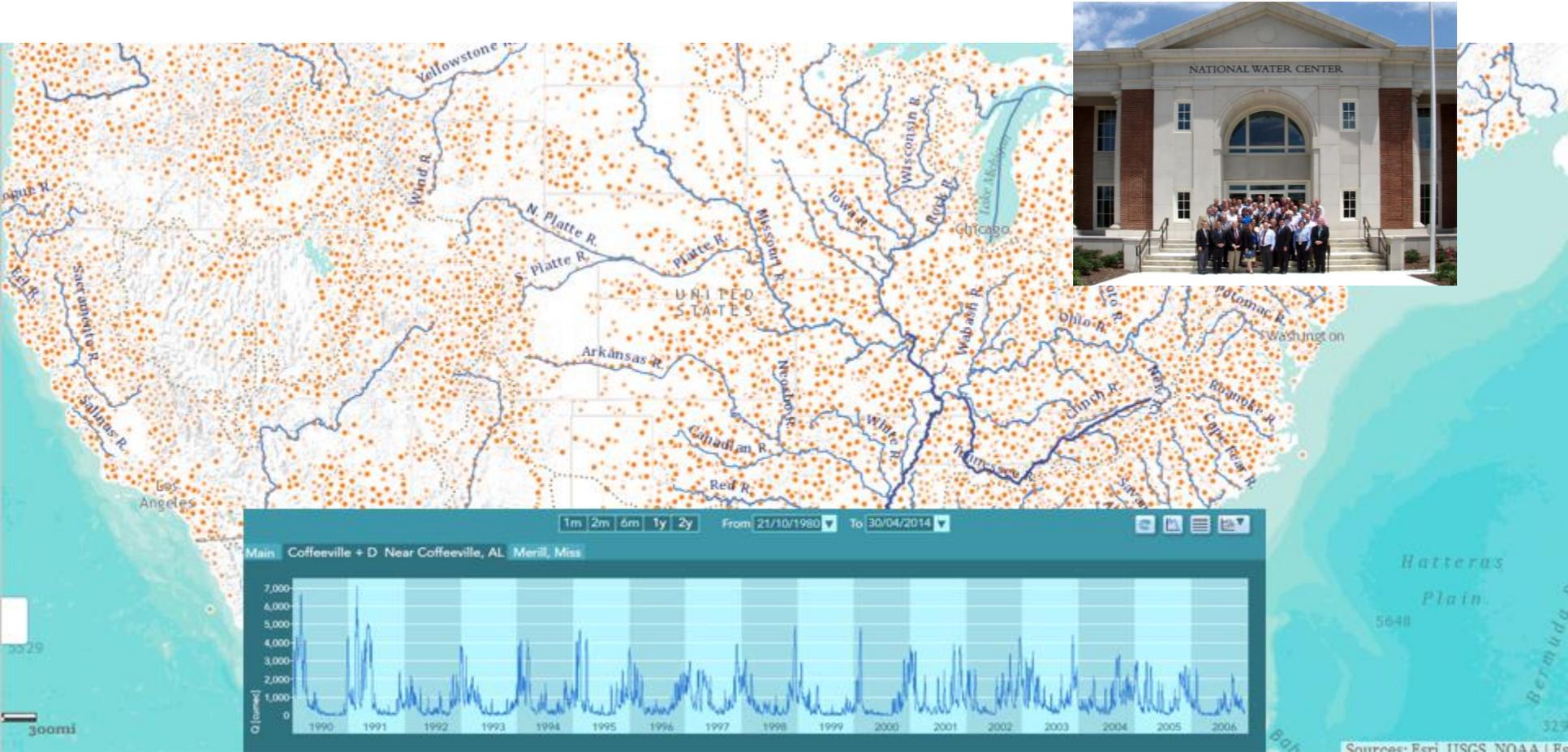
Streamflow



RAPID flow routing (for continental US)

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National Water Data Infrastructure



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People | Residences



LA County Building Outlines

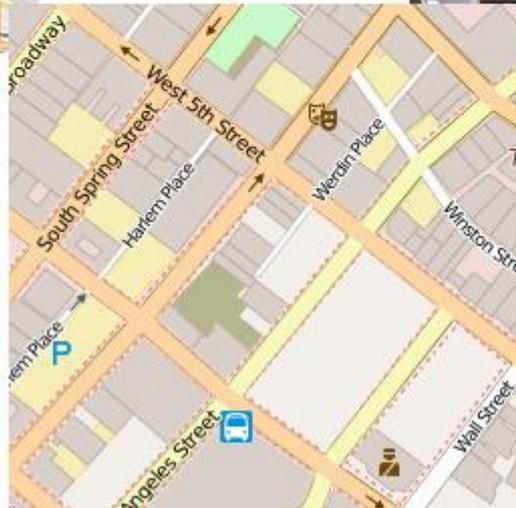


Utah GIS Framework Data

People | Transportation



OpenStreetMap
Los Angeles

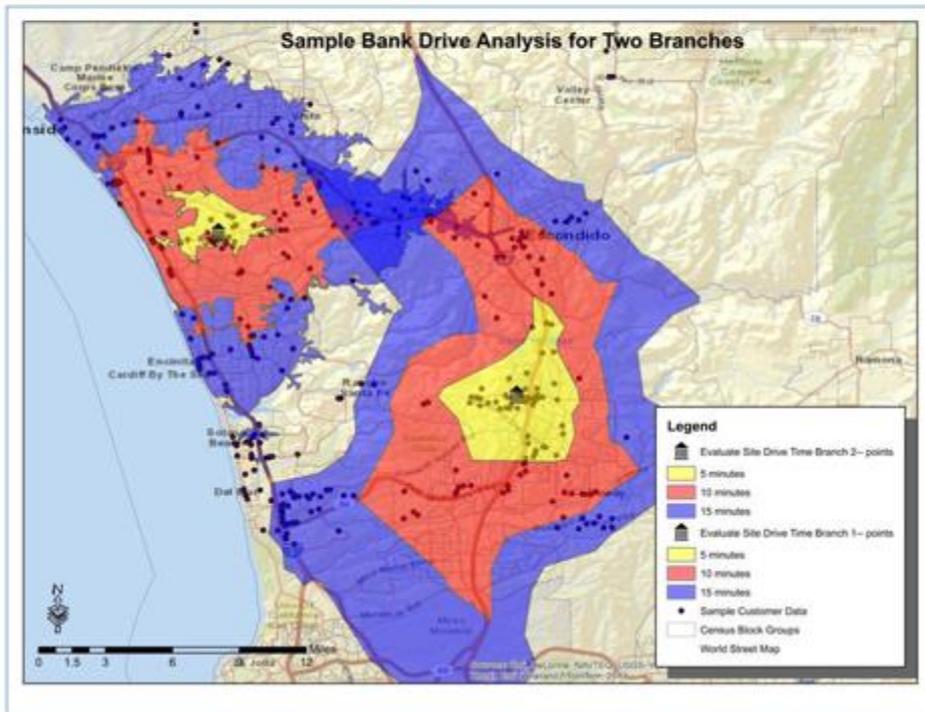


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People | Employment | Commerce

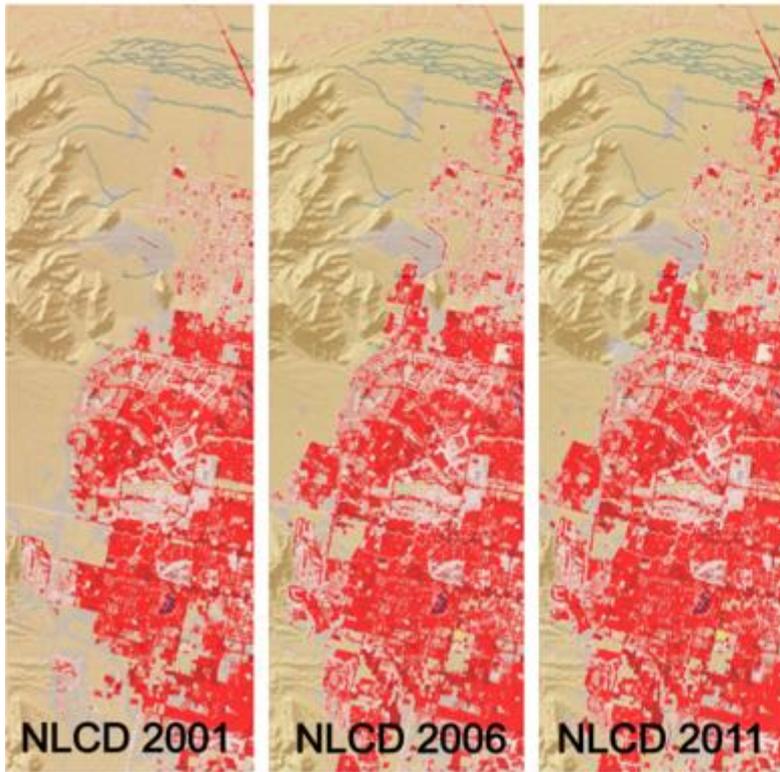


Food Deserts - Atlanta, GA



LandScan USA - Houston, TX

Land Cover



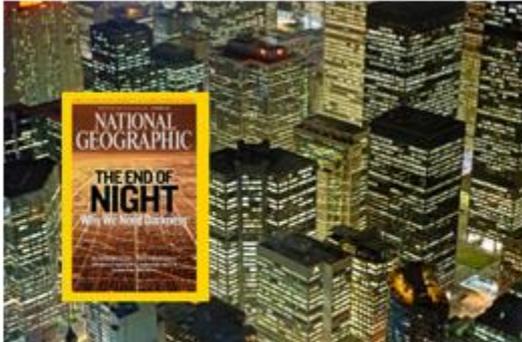
Yearly Eco Impact

Selected trees in the region

	Total Benefits \$6,228,787 saved
	Greenhouse Gas Benefits 24,441,384 lbs CO ₂ reduced \$488,827 saved
	Water Benefits 107,453,195 gallons conserved \$196,639 saved
	Energy Benefits 10,951,542 kWh conserved \$1,783,020 saved
	Air Quality Benefits 60,809 lbs pollutants reduced \$3,760,299 saved



Nightlight | Noise



Volunteered Geographic Information



Public Lab is a community where you can learn how to investigate environmental concerns. Using inexpensive DIY techniques, we seek to change how people see the world in environmental, social, and political terms.



AirBeam

Westwood Park

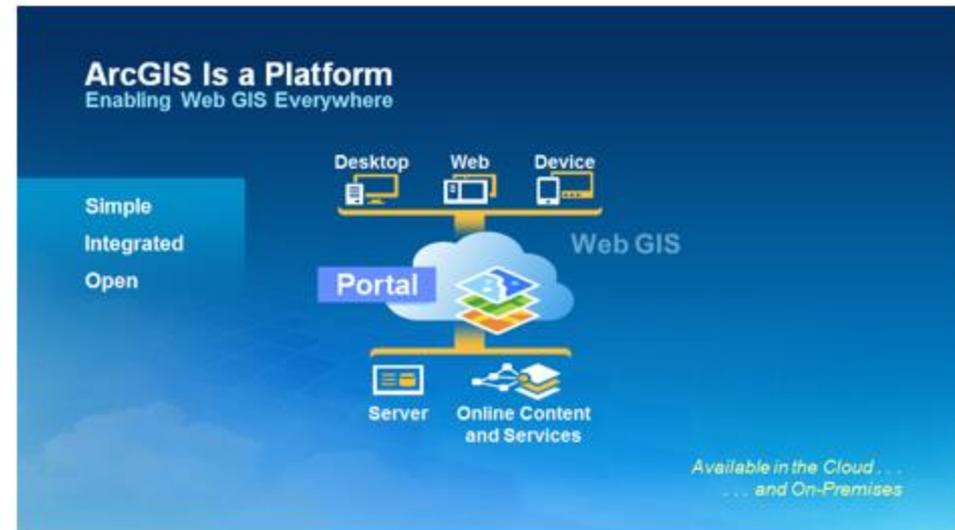


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Geospatial Tools – Proprietary systems



- Clark Labs
 - TerrSet Constellation
- Esri
 - ArcGIS Platform
 - **ArcGIS Online**
 - **Business Analyst**
 - GIS Apps
- Trimble
 - e-Cognition
 - TerraSync | Pathfinder



Open source solutions



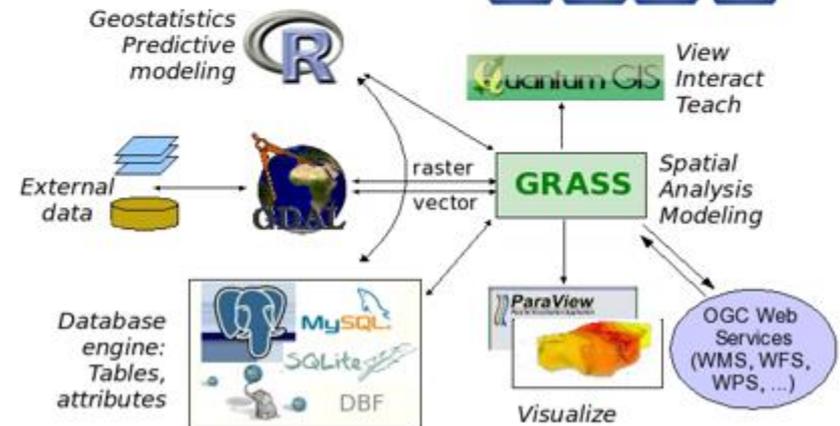
- **Fulcrum**
- GRASS
- **QGIS**
- SAGA
- GeoDa
- R
- MapServer
- Open Layers
- **CartoDB**



CARTODB
Geospatial database on the cloud



Portability, Interoperability

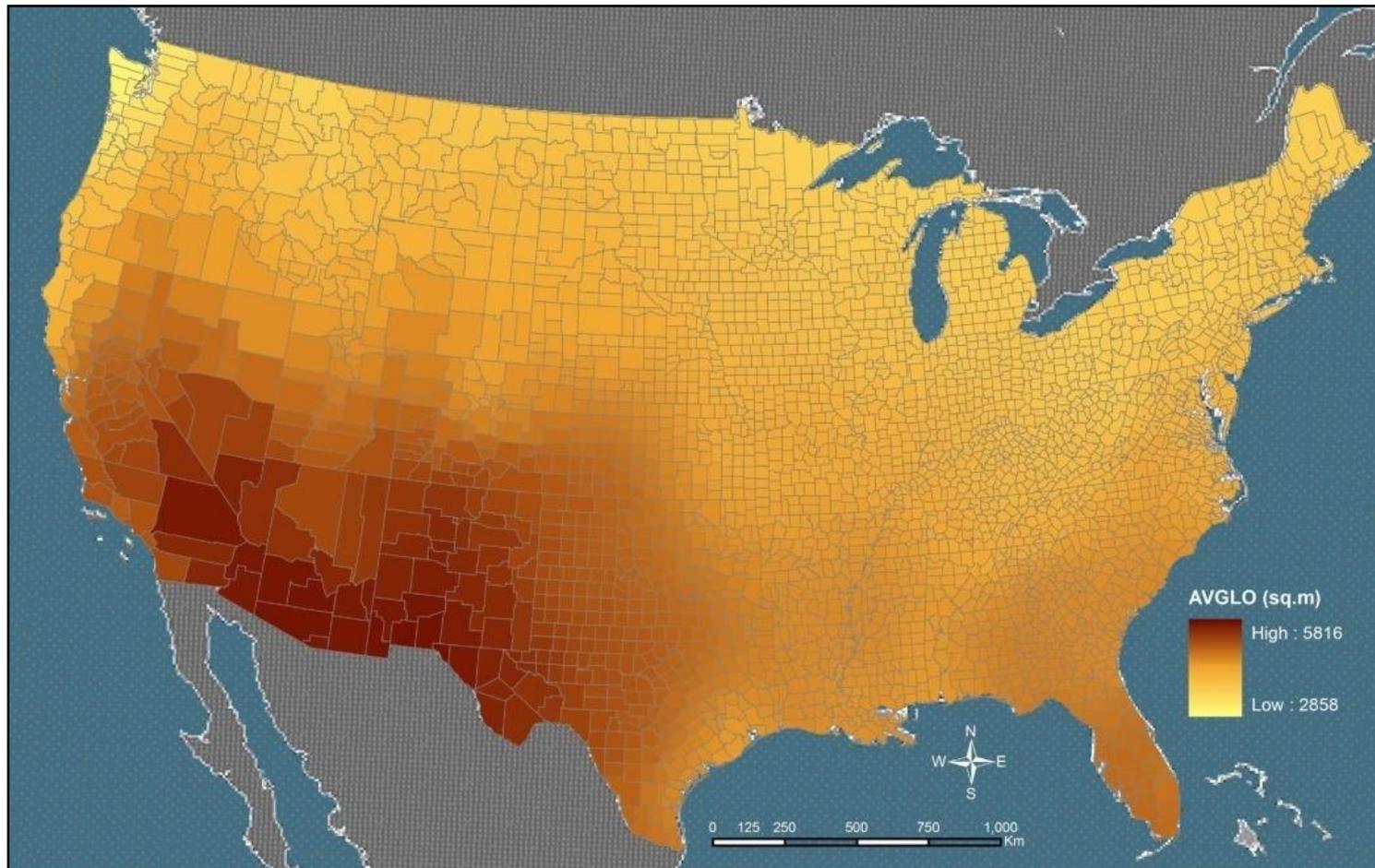




Enduring Challenges

- **Disentangling cause & effect in cancer control**
 - Defining personal environments for cancer risk
 - Physical environment & cancer risk
 - Built environment, segregation & cancer risk
 - Social environment & cancer risk
- **Maximizing healthcare access, delivery & cancer screening**
 - Accessibility to health care services
 - Geography of screening & vaccine uptake
 - Geography of health care delivery
 - Identifying priority areas for cancer control activities
- **Impact & consequences of spatial scale on data relationships**
 - Modifiable Area Unit Problem (MAUP)
 - Strominger, Anthopolos, & Miranda (2016)
- **Using geospatial tools & data wisely**
 - Escobedo – Using the ACS to support melanoma control & prevention

Disentangling cause & effect ...





Cumulative UV Exposure

Cumulative exposure (Wh/m ²)	Case-control	OR
< 150,000	118/143	1
150,000-200,000	160/174	1.62
200,000-250,000	168/201	2.64
> 250,000	215/191	6.01
<i>p</i> -Value		< 0.0001

Tatalovich, Wilson, Mack, Ying, & Cockburn. (2006) The objective assessment of lifetime cumulative ultraviolet exposure for determining melanoma risk. *Journal of Photochemistry & Photobiology B, Biology* 85: 198-204.

Average Annual UV Exposure



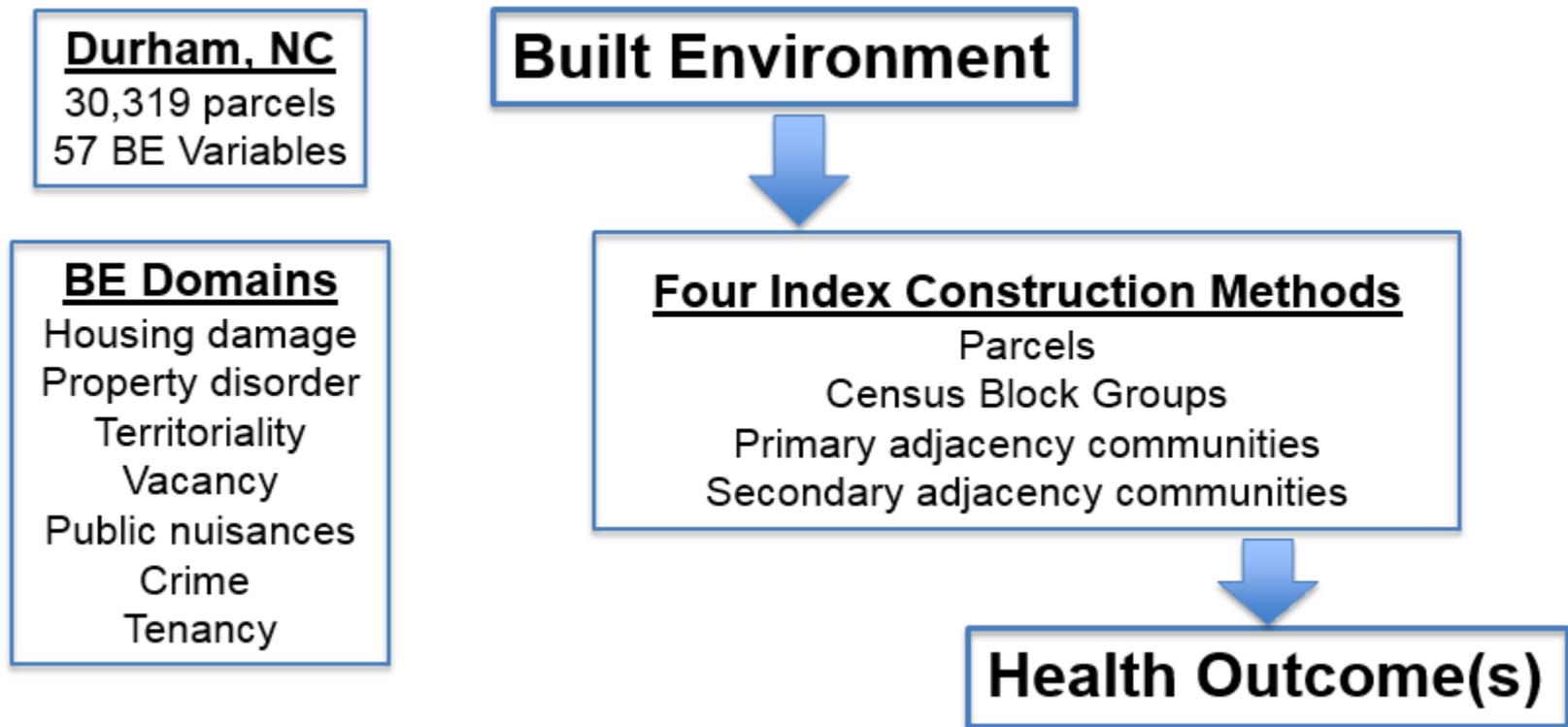
45+ years	Case-control	OR	p-Value
Average annual exposure 15-24 years			
< 4,043	92/122	1	
4,043-4,840	107/124	1.23	
> 250,000	215/191	1.74	0.0209 (0.0060)
Average annual exposure 25-44 years			
< 4,736	67/122	1	
4,736-5,080	121/116	1.91	
> 5,080	153/131	2.29	0.0002 (0.0001)
Average annual exposure 44+ years			
< 5,080	31/43	1	
> 5,080	310/326	1.20	0.48

UV Adjusted Time Spent Outdoors



45+ years	Case-control	OR	p-Value
UV adjusted outdoor 15-24 years			
< 558,800	90/121	1	
558,800-1,042,671	123/124	1.33	
> 1,042,671	122/122	1.55	0.0955 (0.0333)
UV adjusted outdoors 25-44 years			
< 294,330	110/120	1	
294,330-645,333	125/125	1.91	
> 645,333	105/121	0.99	0.74 (0.61)
UV adjusted outdoor 44+ years			
< 299,720	123/121	1	
299,720-609,600	99/120	0.86	
> 609,600	116/127	0.91	0.74

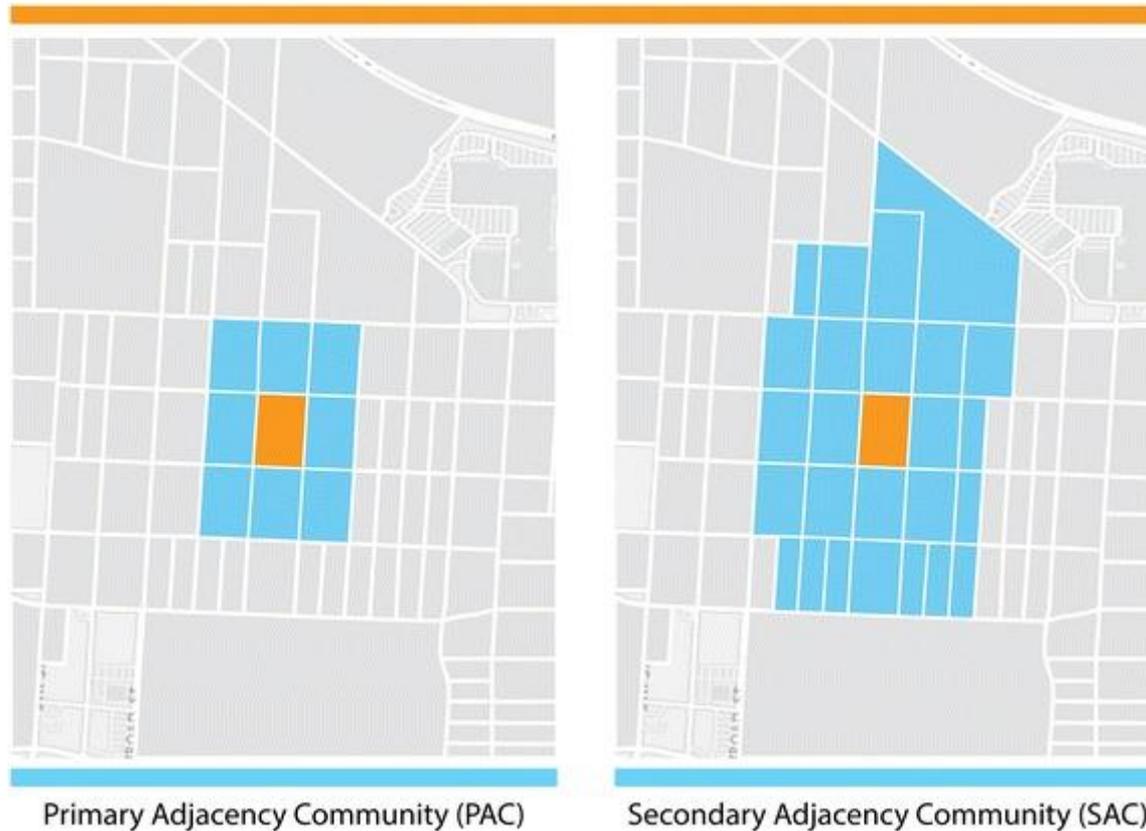
Impact & consequences of spatial scale ...



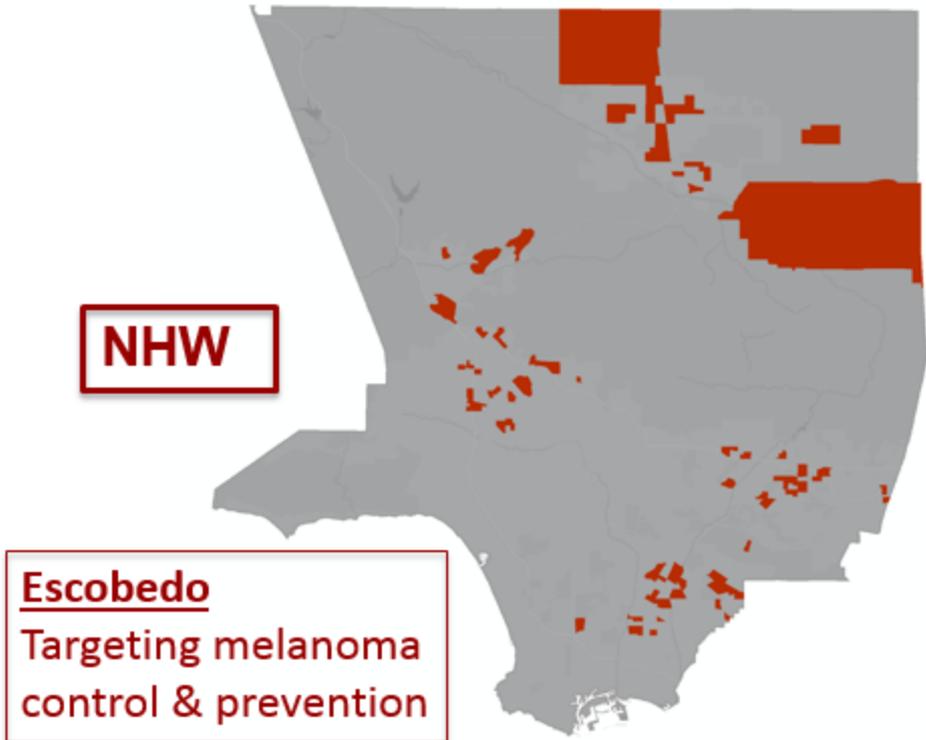
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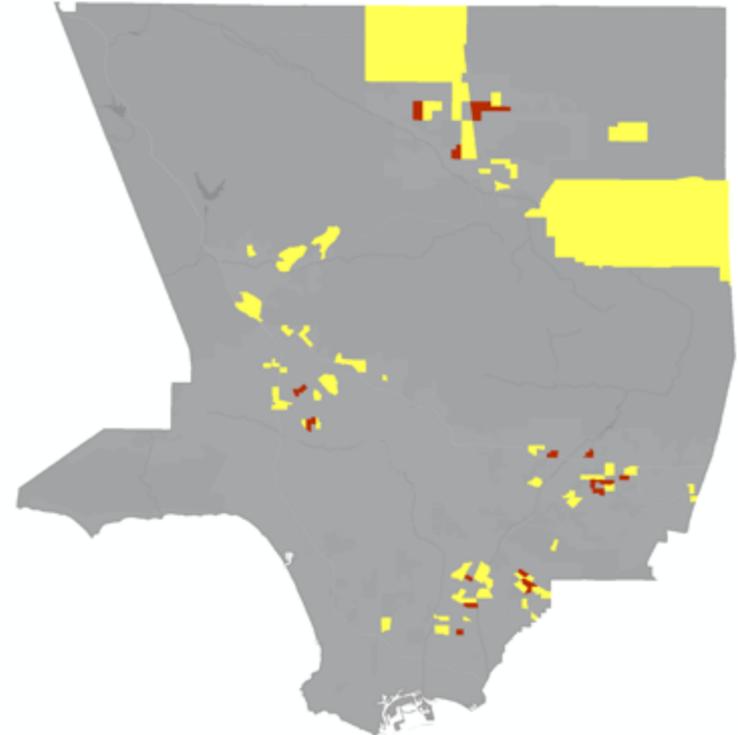
Primary & secondary adjacency communities ...



Working with American Community Survey (ACS)

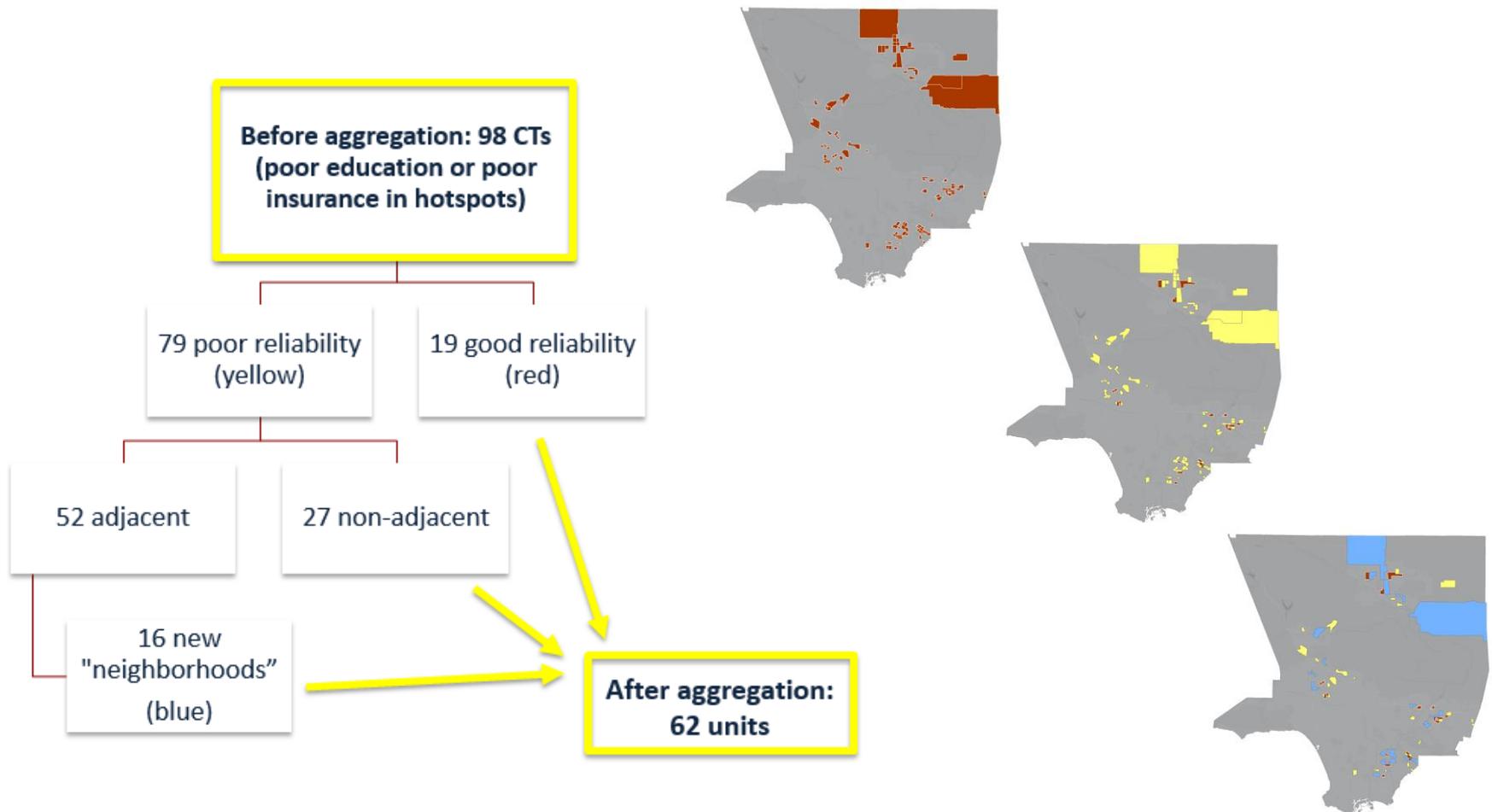


Among hotspot CTs,
CTs with poor education or poor
insurance coverage



Among the CTs on the left,
yellow indicates poor
reliability (CV > 15)

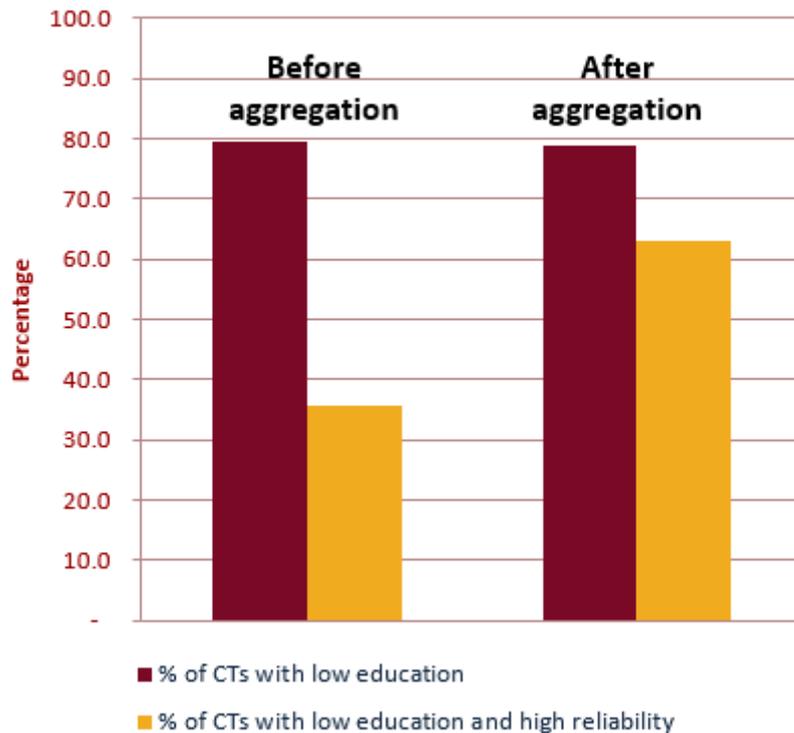
Before and After Aggregation (NHW)



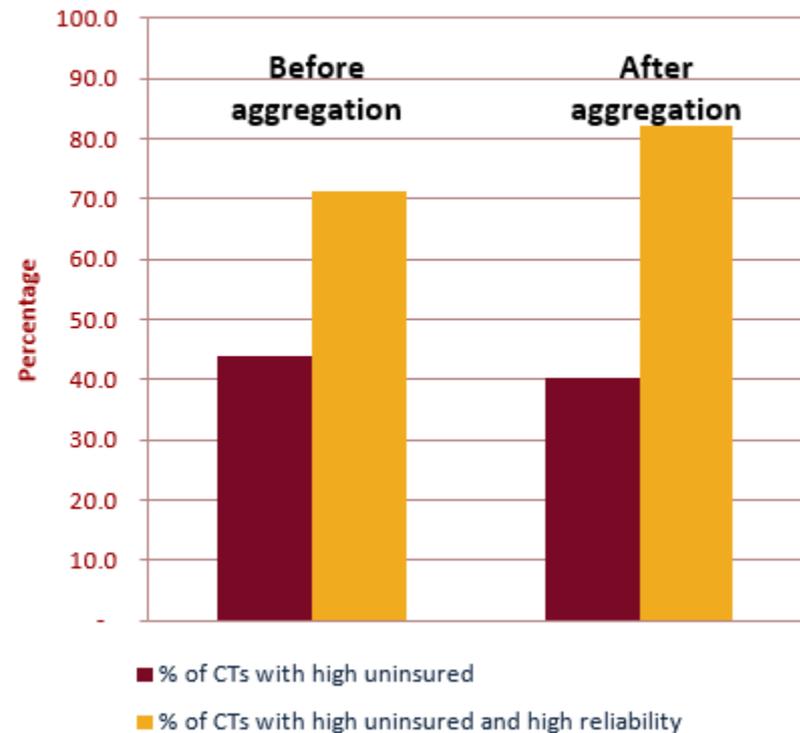
Results (NHW)



Education



Health insurance coverage



ACS Indicators (HW)

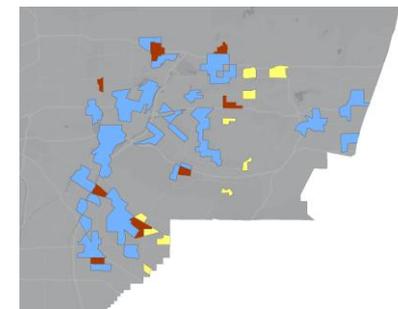
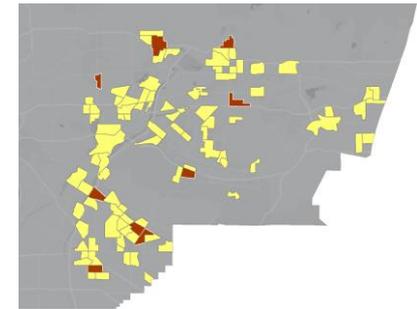
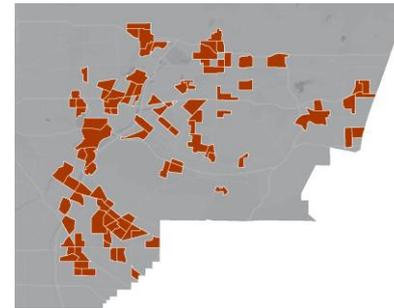
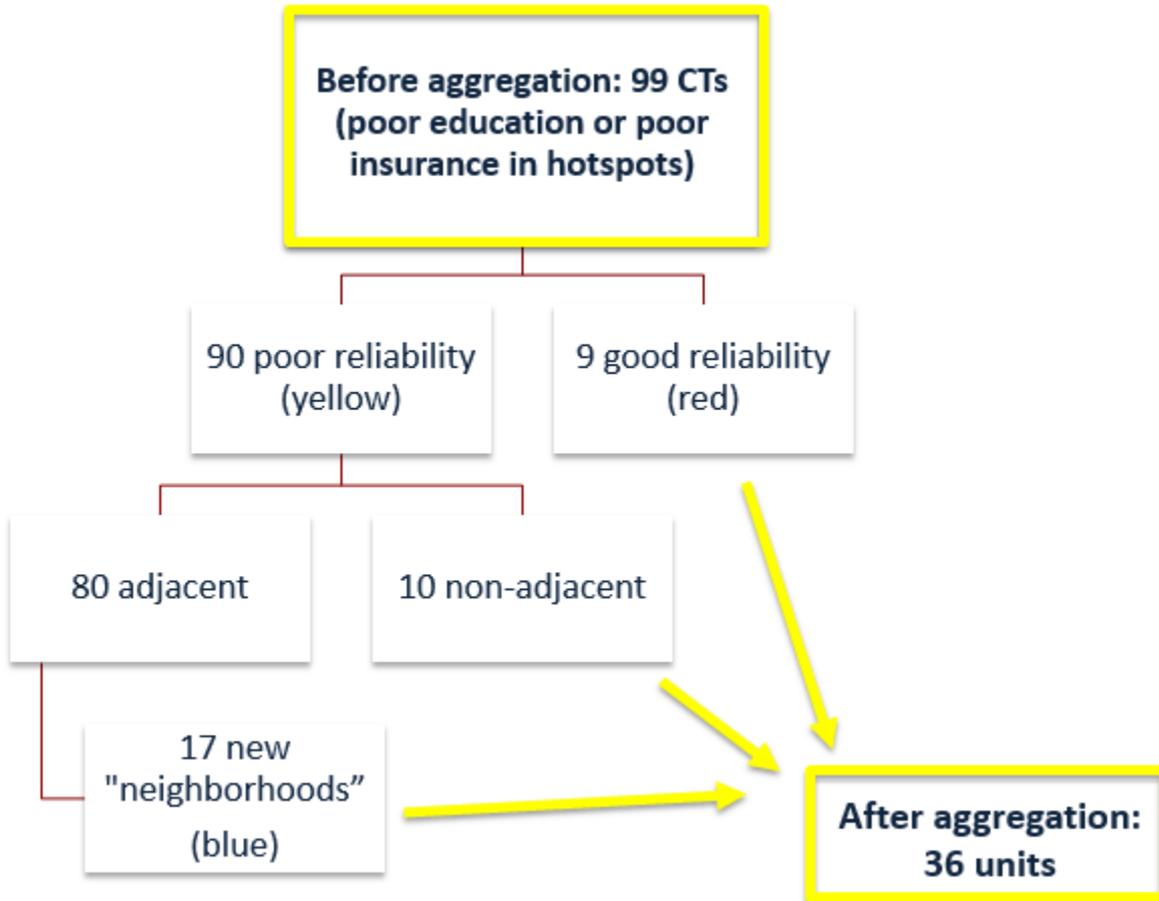


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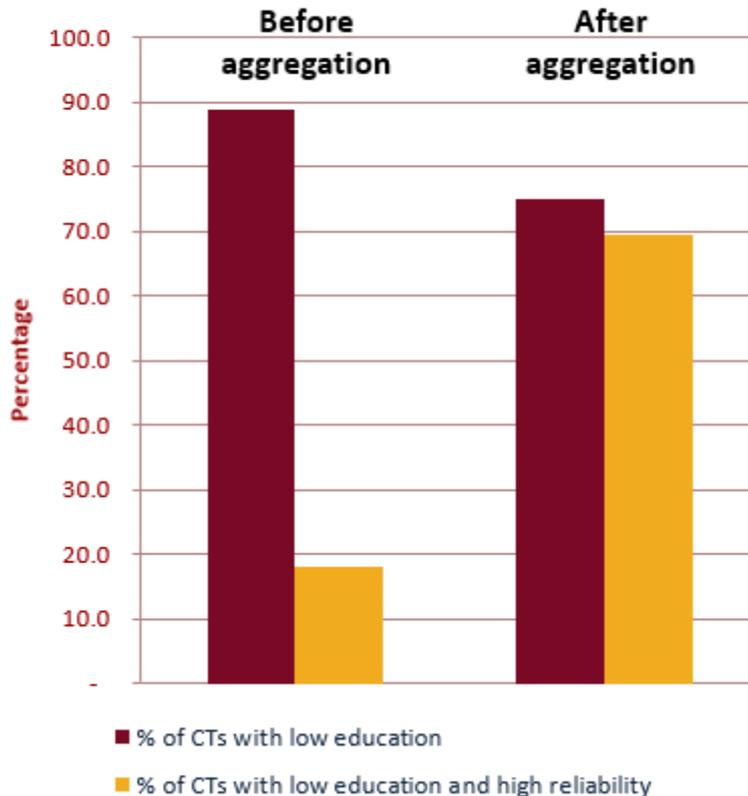
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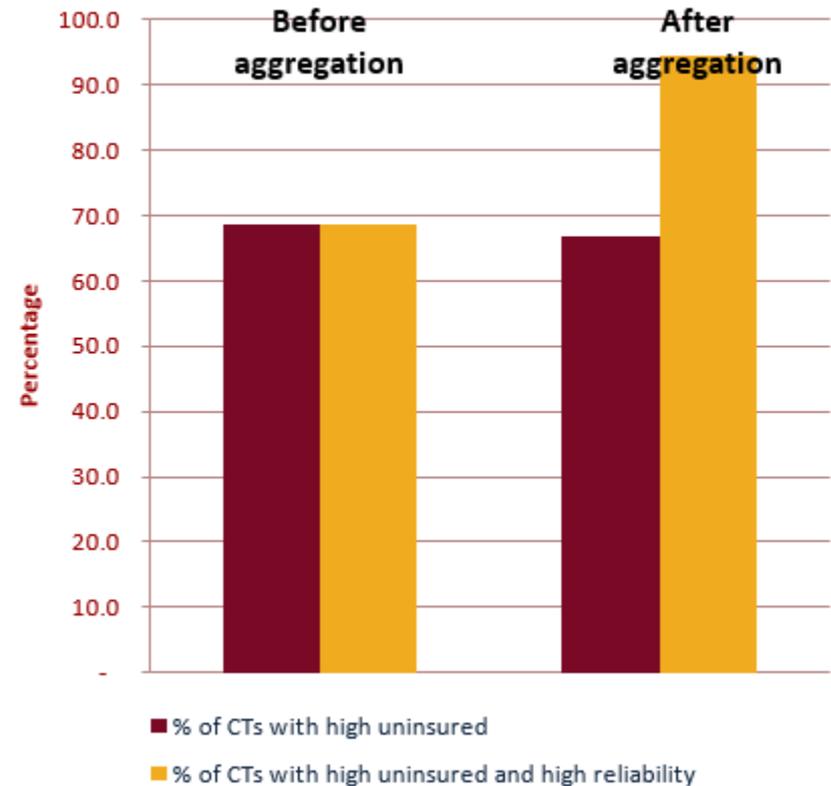


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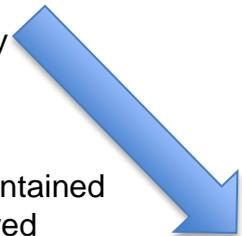
Health insurance coverage





Strengths & Weaknesses

- Geographic pattern maintained & reliability improved
- Geographic pattern not maintained but reliability improved
- Geographic pattern maintained but reliability not improved



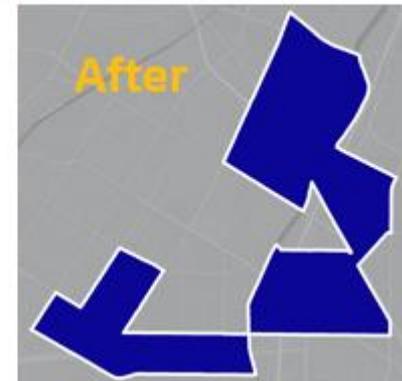
Education (HW)



CV shown
Poor reliability
if CV>15

High education
Low education

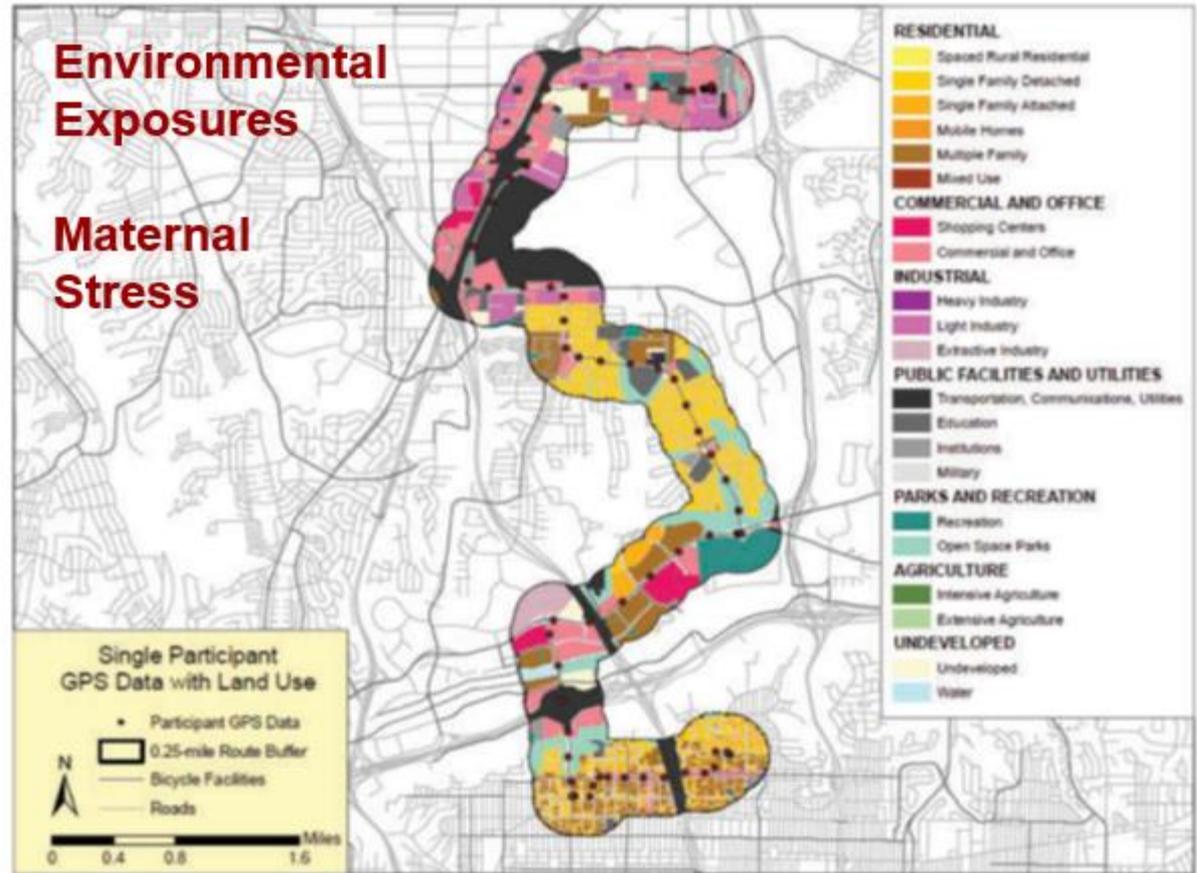
Health insurance coverage (NHW)



CV shown
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High uninsured
Low uninsured

Spatiotemporal Trajectories | Activity Spaces



Haislip (2011)

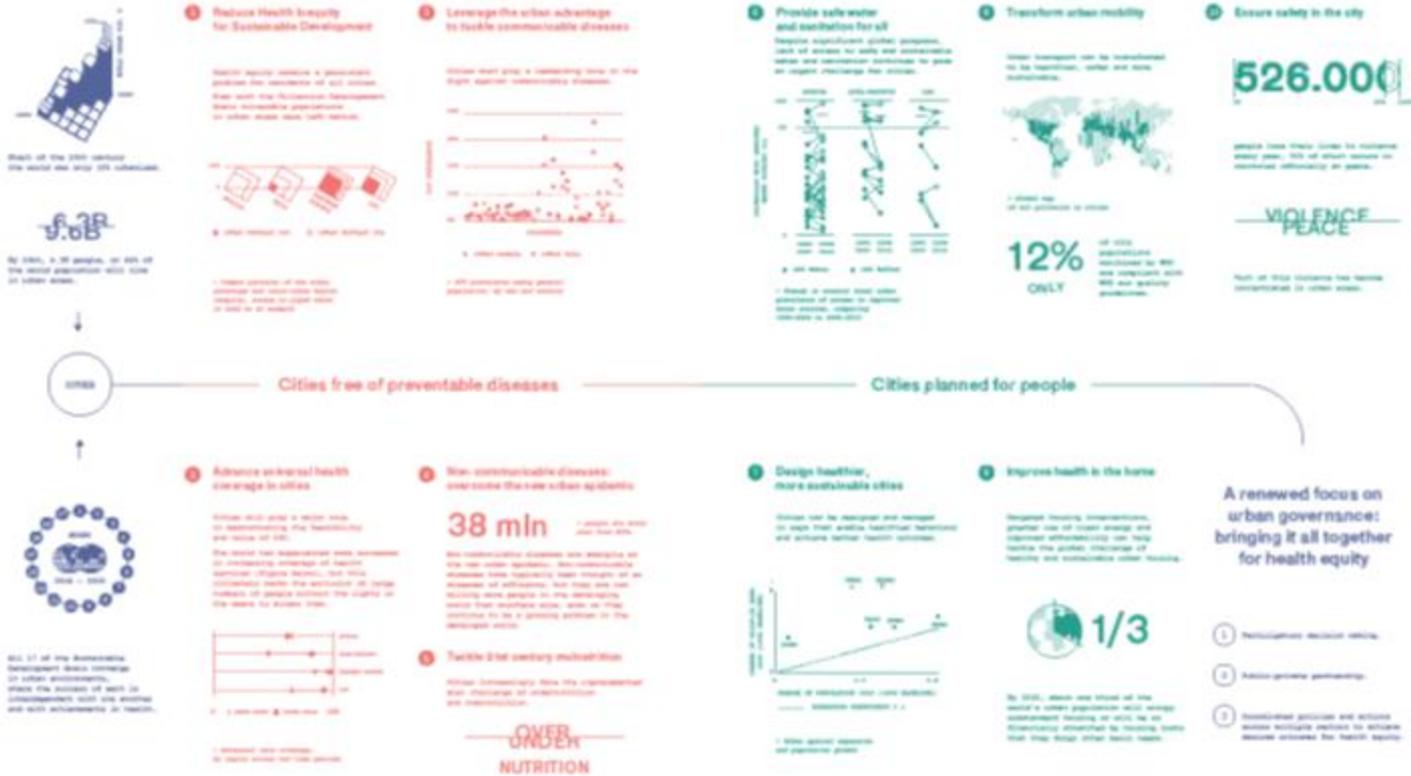
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PROMOTING URBAN HEALTH FOR EQUITABLE, HEALTHIER CITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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HOW A BETTER WORLD
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